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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, An estimated 15 million Americans are current or  
3 former military brats, including those who spent all or part of  
4 their childhood or adolescence in the lifestyle; and

5           WHEREAS, The number of military brats has grown over the  
6 past 250 years alongside the United States Armed Forces; these  
7 adolescents have a unique American cultural experience through  
8 their travels around the country and world; and

9           WHEREAS, Military brats live a very mobile upbringing,  
10 moving with their parents when they are deployed or transferred  
11 to new military bases; and

12           WHEREAS, Military brats are often asked by others where  
13 they are from and provide an array of responses, with many  
14 saying everywhere or nowhere because of the many places they  
15 have lived and traveled; and

16           WHEREAS, Military brats are very adaptive to their new  
17 surroundings, are outgoing in nature, are able to adapt to new  
18 changes, and are constantly making new friends everywhere they  
19 move; and

20           WHEREAS, Military brats are typically very worldly in their

1 knowledge of foreign cultures and customs based on their many  
2 moves and by living in other nations, providing a unique  
3 experience that is not typically experienced by the general  
4 public; and

5 WHEREAS, Military brats are known for being disciplined and  
6 outstanding students, with approximately 60% of brats holding  
7 higher education degrees and 30% holding advanced degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, Many of the military brats grow up to find great  
9 careers in public service, becoming police officers,  
10 firefighters, teachers, doctors, and nurses; many of them end  
11 up finding the same call their parents did by serving in the  
12 United States Armed Forces; and

13 WHEREAS, Unlike most of their military parents, military  
14 brats did not volunteer for this assignment, but most take it  
15 on proudly and execute it with distinction; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 designate April 30, 2016 as Military Brat Day in Illinois to  
19 appreciate the sacrifice and service of these patriots by  
20 giving them our thanks and respect.